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To: Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) Members

From: Ernesto A. Sanchez
Deputy Director
Eligibility, Enrollment & Marketing Division 

Re: Recommended Appointment to the Healthy Families Program (HFP)
Advisory Panel

MRMIB staff advertised the four vacancies on the HFP Advisory Panel on April 22, 2010 and solicited interested individuals. The Board received multiple applications for only one of the four available vacancies and also received notice of incumbent panel member's interested in continuing their public service. Staff will repost and re-advertising the remaining three vacancies plus a recent subscriber resignation. We will return with those panel recommendations in the near future.

Listed below is the staff recommendation for that one vacancy.

County Public Health Subscriber

Staff recommends the reappointment of Dr. Takashi Michael Wada. Dr. Wada is the director of the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. He worked as a clinical physician at a number of clinics in Southern California, including the Venice Family Clinic, one of the largest free clinics in the country. Dr. Wada also completed a public health fellowship with a focus on access to health care for underserved populations. As the Director and Health Officer for the Pasadena Public Health Department, he oversees clinical operations, which also sees a large proportion of the area's Medi-Cal and Healthy Families insured residents. He is an active participant on the HFP Advisory Panel.

TAKASHI MICHAEL WADA, MD MPH

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Public Health Leadership Institute – longitudinal leadership development program
2009 California – Hawaii cohort group
Harvard University Executive Leadership Program
2007 Kennedy School of Government/ Harvard School of Public Health
UCLA – NIH Primary Care Health Services Fellowship
1998 – 2000 Research on access to care and disparities in health
University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Health
1998 – 2002 Masters Degree in Public Health
Concentration: Community Health and Socio-Cultural Aspects of Health
Kaiser Permanente - Los Angeles, Family Practice Residency
1994 – 1997
University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine
1989 – 1994, Doctor of Medicine
University of California, Riverside, Bachelor of Science
1986 – 1989 Major: Biomedical Sciences
Accelerated UCR/UCLA 7 year BS/MD program

LICENSURE

American Board of Family Practice, Certified
California Medical License, No: A056010

1997 – present
1995 – present

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director/ Public Health Officer

3/2010 – present

Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Responsible for policy development and community health planning for the jurisdiction; overall direction and guidance for the Public Health Department, including staffing and budgets; enforcing local health orders and regulations; medical director and supervisor of all clinical services and programs; director of bioterrorism and public health emergency planning, as well as the county's EMS services; department liaison to Board of Supervisors and elected officials; and media spokesperson on public health issues.

Director/ Public Health Officer

6/2007 – 3/2010

City of Pasadena Public Health Department. Responsible for policy development and community health planning for the jurisdiction; overall direction and guidance for the Public Health Department, including staffing and budgets; enforcing local health orders and regulations; medical director and supervisor of all clinical services and programs; director of bioterrorism

and public health emergency planning, as well as the city's EMS paramedic services; department liaison to city council and elected officials; and media spokesperson on public health issues.

Acting Director/ Public Health Officer 11/2005 - 5/2007
City of Pasadena Public Health Department. Served as Acting Director for the Department during extended medical leave for Director; responsible for overall direction and guidance for the Public Health Department, including staffing and budgets as specified above. Continued as Medical Director and Health Officer.

Medical Director/ Public Health Officer 12/2003 - 10/2005
City of Pasadena Public Health Department. Medical director and supervisor of all clinical services and programs; director of bioterrorism and public health emergency planning, as well as the city's EMS paramedic services; enforcement of health codes; principal investigator/project manager on \$1.6 m grant to develop and implement Pasadena Healthcare Link; lead staff on the \$6 m urgent care project; subject matter expert on health issues.

Family medicine physician, *Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles* 9/1997 - 12/2003
 Served as a primary care provider; taught and mentored medical residents and medical students in training.

Staff physician, *Venice Family Clinic* 7/1998 - 8/2003
 One of the largest FQHC medical clinics in the United States, gained first hand understanding of access to care issues for Medi-Cal and uninsured patients, as well as issues related to FQHCs.

Medical Consultant, *UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health & Culture.* 7/2001 - 6/2003
 Assisted in workforce development, health disparities projects, community outreach, and rural health issues and health fairs.

Clinical Instructor, *Lead Lecturer UCLA Undergraduate Course* 7/2001 - 6/2003
 Med 190A/B Sponsored by COPE (Community Outreach For Prevention and Education), course was entitled Health Outreach and Education for At-Risk Populations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/ ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, First 5 Santa Barbara	2010 - present
Board of Directors, CenCal Health	2010 - present
Assistant Clinical Professor of Biomedical Sciences	2009 - present
University of California, Riverside	
Lecturer on topics including health disparities, health care financing and the health care safety net; medical school admissions committee	
Advisory Board, Albert Schweitzer Fellowship - Los Angeles	2007 - present
Advisory Committee, California Healthy Families Program	2007 - present
Commissioner, City of Los Angeles Commission on Children, Youth and their Families. Appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa	2009 - 2010
Pasadena Healthcare Consortium, Co-Chair	2007 - 2010
Coalition of local safety net health/ social service providers	
Los Angeles County SPA 3 Health Planning Committee	2006 - 2010
Steering Committee and Access to Care Workgroup	
Huntington Hospital Community Benefits Committee	2005 - 2010

Takashi Wada, MD MPH

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/ ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

National Association of County and City Health Officials	2004 - 2010
Member, City Forum and Finance Committee	
California Conference of Local Health Officers	2004 - present
Member, Maternal and Child Health/ Chronic Disease Committee	
Faculty Advisor to UCLA Latino Student Health Project in East Los Angeles & Tecate, Mexico	1999 - present
Clinical instructor UCLA PREP for minority premedical students	1999 - present
Serving as clinical mentor and guest lecturer	
UCLA School of Medicine Admissions Committee	2000 - 2003
Subcommittee on disadvantaged student admissions	
Faculty Advisor to UCLA Chicano Medical Student Association	1998 - 2003
Lennox Health Fair Coordinator	
President, Board of Directors, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)	1999 - 2003
Worked on immigrant health issues at the local, state, and federal levels	
Health Policy Advisor, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)	1999 - 2001
Worked on access to health care issues and environmental justice projects	
Grant Review Committee, Los Angeles Women's Foundation	2000 - 2001
Women's Health Initiative Grant, first male to ever receive appointment to a LAWF board committee	
Member, Health Care Consortium of Central Los Angeles	1999 - 2001
Member, Advisory Board of Directors, Proyecto Guadalupano, Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission	1998 - 2000
LA County Coalition for Quality Health Care	1998 - 1999
Volunteer physician, Oventic, Chiapas, Mexico	1997
Volunteer physician, Los Angeles Free Clinic	1994 - 1997
Volunteer physician, Las Varas, Nayarit, Mexico	1996

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Project manager, Access to Care in Tuberculosis Patients
 Asch, S, Leake B, Gelberg, L: Does fear of immigration authorities deter tuberculosis patients from seeking care? West J Med
 1994; 161:373-376

Tuberculosis in L.A.'s Homeless. Presented at Family Practice Research Fellowship Conference, 1993

CD8 Counts in Advanced HIV, conducted with J. Schlumpberger, MD
 Presented at Family Practice Symposium, 1994

AWARDS/ HONORS

Community Service Recognition - Pasadena Tobacco Prevention Coalition	2007
Community Service Recognition - Office of US Congressman Adam Schiff	2004
Community Service Award - UCLA Community Programs Office	2002
Community Service Award - UCLA Latino Student Health Project	2000/ 2001
Community Service Award - Chicanos for Community Medicine	1999/ 2000

AWARDS/ HONORS CONTINUED

Community Service Award - UCLA/ Drew Chicano Medical Student Association (CMSA)	2000
Certificate of Appreciation - Venice Family Clinic	1999
Community Service Award - Clinica Campesina, Las Varas, Nayarit MX	1996

PRESENTATIONS/ MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Conducted numerous national, state, and local presentations at professional conferences and meetings. List can be provided upon request.

Served as subject matter expert for interviews on major media outlets for television (ABC, NBC, CBS, KCAL), print (Los Angeles Times, Pasadena Star News, Santa Barbara News Press), and radio (KNX, KFWB, NPR)

LANGUAGES

Intermediate fluency in verbal Spanish, limited Japanese